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Applicant : Kimihiro Yoshizako, et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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November 14, 2003

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response one month from October 14, 2003, up to and including November 14, 2003.